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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: **PROCEDURE FOR ETCHING OF MATERIALS AT THE SURFACE  
WITH FOCUSED ELECTRON BEAM INDUCED CHEMICAL  
REACTION AT SAID SURFACE**

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Examiner: Allan Olsen

Date: January 4, 2006

**AMENDMENT**

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Claims 1-41 and 43 are now canceled. Claims 42 and 44 were previously withdrawn but applicants respectfully request that they be rejoined upon the determination of allowable subject matter. New claims 45-68 are presented. Consideration of claims 45-68 is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

A Petition for a three-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Office Action to January 14, 2007 is attached hereto with authorization to charge deposit account 23-3060 therefor. Further, an IDS citing copending US Serial No. 10/543,175

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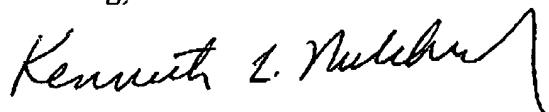
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filed July 22, 2005 and US Publication No. 20040033425, publication date February 19, 2004, both to Koops et al. is submitted herewith again for the Primary Examiner's consideration. Further, it is believed that an additional fee of \$200 is due for the presentation of claim 68.

Additionally, the undersigned hereby authorizes a charge to the deposit account in the amount of the IDS fee and the fee for the presentation of claim 68. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account 23-3060.

Respectfully submitted,

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